

WI-266
Frederick A. Grier, Sr. House
Salisbury
Private

1897

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Frederick A. Grier, Sr. House

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-266

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore
3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Industrial-Urban Dominance
1870-1930
4. Resource Type(s): Single-family dwelling

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-266

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Frederick A. Grier Sr. House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 501 North Division Street ☐ not for publicationcity, town Salisbury ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Christopher R. and Kathy Moffitt Musello, Jr.

street & number 501 North Division Street telephone no.:

city, town Salisbury state and zip code MD 21801

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 104, P. 635
liber 1231

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 478

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Frederick A. Grier, Sr. house stands at 501 North Division Street on the northeast corner of its intersection with East Isabella Street in the heart of the Newtown Historic District in Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, asymmetrical Queen Anne style frame house faces southwest.

Built in 1897, this large two-and-a-half story Queen Anne dwelling was erected with its principal entrance facing the corner intersection. Elevated on a raised brick foundation with an excavated cellar, the weatherboard frame dwelling is covered by a steeply pitched hip roof of patterned slate. The eaves are extended eaves with exposed rafter ends. Attached to the main block are two-and-a-half story pavilions that extend the house forward, and to the rear is a two-and-a-half story service wing.

The southwest (main) entrance elevation is incorporated in the corner of the main block. A double door entrance is topped by a three-light transom, and the trim around the doorway is molded. The front door, as well as adjacent single-pane sash windows, are sheltered by a Tuscan columned porch. Slender paired columns rise from brick plinths, and a dentil molding decorates porch cornice. Stretching between the porch plinths is a rectangular baluster handrail. The corner of the porch is highlighted by a small pediment sheathed with fishscale shingles. Fixed on the east (right) side of the porch is a small metal fenced balcony accessed to a second floor window. Rising atop the porch roof and directly above the entrance is a two-story conical roofed tower. The level above the porch is distinguished by slender Tuscan columns which flank narrow single-pane sash windows. The third floor or next level is sheathed with fishscale shingles, and pierced by sixteen-over-one sash windows. The conical tower roof is covered with patterned slate and decorated with small brackets under its cornice. A metal weathervane rises from the point of the tower. Marking the roof to each side of the tower are narrow eyebrow windows, and the roof peak is finished with a decorative metal cresting. Tall brick chimneys rise through the roof and are finished with corbeled caps.

Projecting from the south side of the main pyramidal roofed block is a two-and-a-half story pentagonal pavilion with single-pane sash windows lighting the first and second floors. Rectangular two-pane windows pierce the brick foundation. The five-sided pavilion walls rise to a gable-front roof sheathed with fishscale shingles and pierced by a Palladian tripartite window. Long cornice blocks define the underside of the gable roof.

Extending from the west side of the main block is two-and-a-half story pavilion with squared front edges and a single-story bay extension on the first floor. The second floor is pierced by paired windows, and the third floor is illuminated with small paired windows with multi-pane sash windows. The gable end around the attic windows is covered with fishscale shingles. Finishing the edge of the roof is an extended eave with exposed rafter ends.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1897 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

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On account of its elaborate architectural detailing and well preserved condition, the Frederick A. Grier, Sr. house is listed in *Category A*, which identifies buildings that must be preserved.

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

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501 North Division Street

Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland

Extending from the back of the main block is a two-and-a-half story, two-bay by two-bay kitchen wing that is covered by a steeply pitched jerkinhead roof. Attached to the east side of the kitchen wing is a two-story shed roofed addition, which is extended farther east by a single story shed roofed section. A shed roof porch supported by Tuscan columns stretches across the west side of the kitchen wing and shelters a side entrance and single-pane sash window. The second floor is lighted by single-pane sash as well, and a shed roofed dormer marks the roof. The dormer is fitted with three six-pane windows. Piercing the roofline is a narrow brick stack finished with a corbeled cap. The rear wall of the kitchen wing is marked by pairs of windows on each floor. A gable roofed cellar entrance extends from the back wall between the two first floor windows.

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501 North Division Street
Chain of title

Map 104, Parcel 635

1231/478

Christopher R. Musello, Jr.
Kathy Moffitt Musello

to

9/29/1990

Lyndon T. Terrell
Lillian I. Terrell

AS 1070/417

Francis L. Wilmer

to

824/610

Christopher R. Musello, Jr.
Kathy Moffitt Musello

AS 824/610

Walter Alan Bloodsworth
Elaine Owens Bloodsworth

to

7/2/1974

Frances L. Wilmer

JWTS 635/492

Frederick A. Grier, Jr.

to

8/23/1966

Frances L. Wilmer

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Frederick A. Grier, Sr. House
501 North Division Street
Salisbury, Maryland
Chain of title continued

IDT 201/408

L. Atwood Bennett, et al.

to

3/25/1937

Mamie Gillis Grier

which upon the death of said Mamie Gillis Grier was devised by her last will and testament dated 12/7/1949, JAH 9/242 upon her husband, Frederick A. Grier, Jr.

Decree of Circuit Court, 12/5/1933, Frederick A. Grier, Junior, et al. plaintiffs and Maggie T. Grier, et al. were defendants, L. Atwood Bennett and Stanley G. Robins were appointed trustees

Sold at courthouse door for \$7,200

Homeplace of Frederick A. Grier, Senior, conveyed to Frederick A. Sr. by two deeds

1. From Ellen L. C. Toadvine, 4/22/1897 JTT 19/357

2. From Ellen L. C. Toadvine, 7/31/1901 JTT 29/399

JTT 19/357

Ellen L. C. Toadvine

to

4/22/1897

Frederick A. Grier

\$800.00

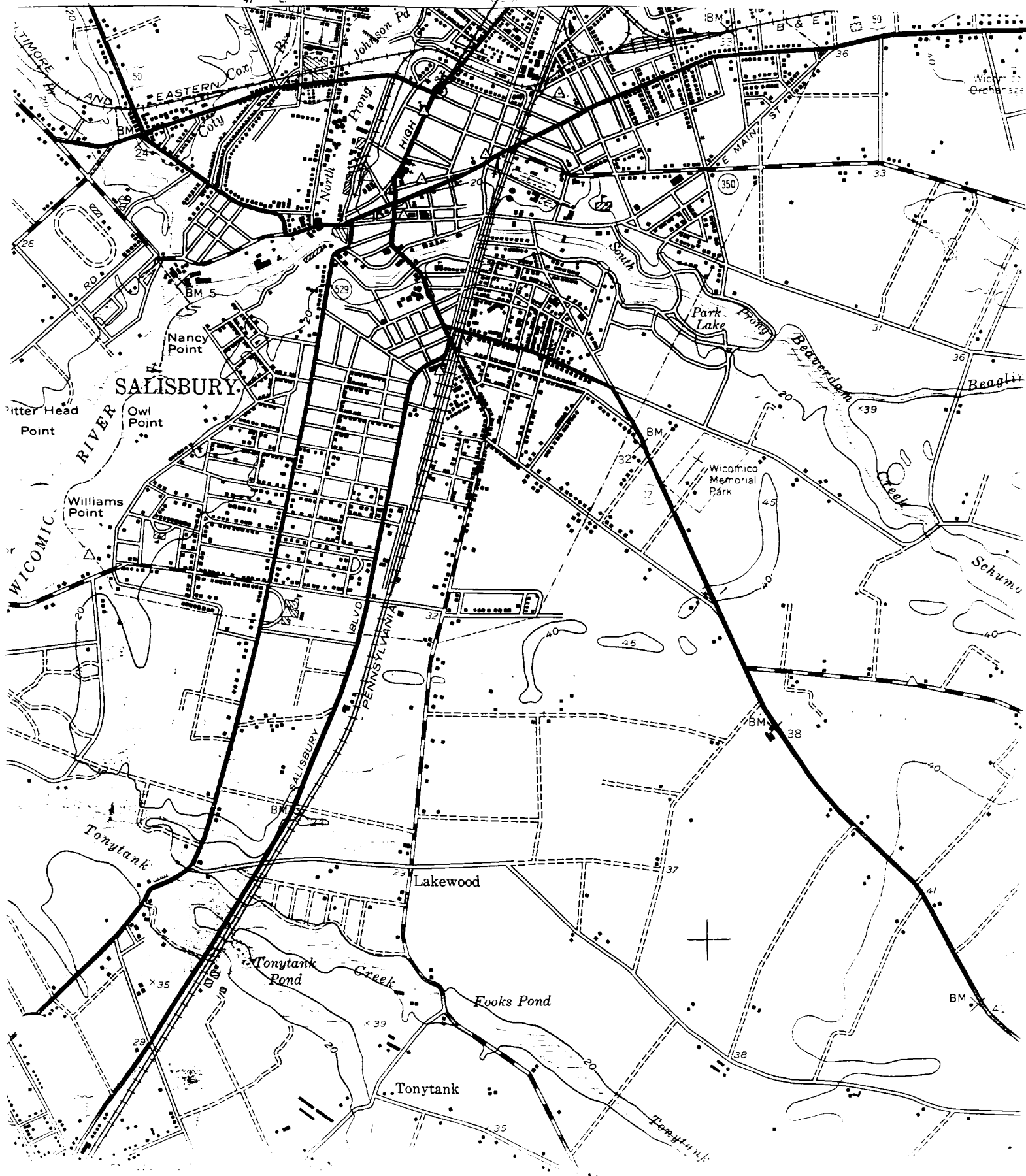
UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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VIENNA 15 MI. 447000m E

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Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle
1942









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